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mula. This will allow us, this will allow either party to file with the Secretary of State as of January 15th a plan which would allow for the selection of delegates in compliance with the national political parties. This could or would allow the Democratic Party to do a number of different things, one is to opt for a very complicated plan of on the ballot election process which would file people ahead of time and which would mean that not necessarily the top vote getter would be elected as a delegate to the national convention because of the requirements of proportional representation, proportional representation meaning giving to each presidential candidate the number of votes that he got on the primary ballot or it would allow for, too long, or it could allow for other election procedures such as an election of delegates at a convention process according to the Democratic National rules and guidelines. This bill is supported by the Secretary of State, by a number of others, by the Democratic Parties, and it is necessary for them to comply. Without this bill, there may be great difficulty in seating the Nebraska delegation at the next national convention. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers and then Senator Warner, then Senator Reutzel and then Senator Lamb. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, Senator Newell and members of the Legislature, being neither Democrat nor Republican, I would just like to say a couple of words on this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A question of Senator Newell. Senator Newell, as I understood your explanation, it would allow either political party to select their delegates as they may choose in order to be in compliance with their national convention rules. I don't see anything that says that to be able to do this it depends on being in compliance with their national convention rules.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, the Democratic Party in terms of, I can only speak for the party that I am active in, Senator Warner, and that is the Democratic Party. The problem we have is that we are forced to come up with some changes because of these federal mandates. Now these are, in fact, federal mandates and as the federal courts have said on numerous occasions, you know, parties have a right to determine how they elect and select delegates and we are just trying to have the state laws in a voluntary way comply